

create Chesapeake WILD grants to leverage the expertise of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service throughout the Bay's 64,000 square mile watershed. These grants will fund on-the-ground work to enhance water quality, mitigate flooding, provide opportunities for recreation, and protect habitat. This funding and these projects will advance efforts to restore the Chesapeake Bay by the 2025 deadline.

I am also pleased that my amendments supporting essential funding for our National Labs were adopted. These changes highlighted the need for funding for Nuclear Physics and Medium Energy Operations within the Department of Energy's Office of Science. Scientists and researchers at Jefferson Lab, located in the heart of my district in Newport News, train the next generation of scientists, advance lifesaving cancer radiation therapies, and have been awarded more than 150 patents. The funding included in the President's Budget for the Electron-Ion Collider and the design of a High Performance Data Facility at Jefferson Lab would advance our understanding of nuclear physics and increase the National Laboratories' computing power, supporting experiments that contribute to our understanding of matter and enhance our safety, quality of life, and even medical care.

Also included in the legislation is funding for eight Community Projects in Hampton Roads. These projects include the expansion of rural broadband in Isle of Wight; an inventory of lead drinking water pipes in Portsmouth; the buildout and expansion of an LGBT community center on the Peninsula; an expansion of mobile health services in Franklin and Isle of Wight; the sidewalk extension for safe pedestrian connectivity in the South Norfolk community of Chesapeake; replacing athletic field lighting at public schools and a community center in Newport News; the development of a Maritime Trades magnet program for K-12 students; and the relocation of a frequently flooded YMCA in Norfolk. Federal investments like these are critical to the development and resilience of communities in Hampton Roads.

This bill helps us move forward by spurring innovation, creating jobs, enhancing opportunities for trade and economic development, restoring ecosystems, and making necessary local investments. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST AERIAL APPLICATION MADE BY AN AIRPLANE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very special anniversary for our country, an anniversary that exemplifies American ingenuity in aviation and agriculture—two industries very dear and important to me as well as vital to our planet. This anniversary is that of the first aerial agriculture aircraft taking flight. This type of aircraft makes it possible to feed not just America, but the entire globe.

Exactly 100 years ago today, on August 3, 1921, Lt. John Macready piloted a modified Curtiss JN-6 "Super Jenny" over a plot of ca-

talpa trees. Macready had a passenger that used a hand-crank 10 dispense lead arsenate from a rudimentary hopper, which helped eradicate insects that were harming the crucial crops. Crop-dusting, now also known as aerial application or agricultural aviation, was born.

Today's agricultural aviation industry consists of 1,560 aerial application businesses that make aerial applications in all 50 states. The average agricultural pilot has approximately 25 years of experience. These pilots treat 127 million acres, or approximately 28 percent of cropland, each year. That means that just under a third of the food, fiber, and bioenergy produced in the United States today receives an aerial application. Not only does agricultural aviation feed our population—but it protects forests and eradicates disease-carrying pests. The industry's ability to constantly evolve to the technological needs of the nation over the past hundred years is why aerial applicators have remained so important for a century.

Certainly, the future will be filled with unimaginable advances just as the past has. Lt. Macready in 1921 likely never could have imagined flying a massive aircraft, led by orbiting satellites and warned of weather, to a specific plot of farmland. Agricultural aviation's history is the story of agriculture's history—which is the story of American innovation. It is a story of adaptation and overcoming challenges for the public good. We give thanks to the industry and those that gave their lives to the industry. Please join me in wishing a happy 100th anniversary to this great American invention, and in looking forward to many, many more anniversaries in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Mrs. Rodgers of Washington. Madam Speaker, due to a scheduling constraint, I missed the vote on final passage for H.R. 4346 on July 28, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted no on final passage.

HONORING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE COLLEGE OF THE FLORIDA KEYS UPPER KEYS CENTER

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the grand opening of the College of the Florida Keys Upper Keys Center. The College of the Florida Keys, CFK, is part of the Florida College System and has been an integral part of higher education in Florida for nearly 50 years.

Over the years, CFK has accomplished significant milestones such as instating bachelor programs that are accessible to the neighboring communities, introducing prominent skilled programs, and preparing students for their future endeavors.

The grand opening of the Upper Keys Center will expand and enhance the college's mis-

sion in equipping the student body with additional space that will allow them to study, learn, and grow. The new center will include new classrooms, nursing labs, a bio-chemical lab, apprenticeship labs, an auditorium, a testing center, and a library. Additionally, the center will also feature learning spaces, lounges, an activities room, and a patio deck.

Again, I rise to recognize the College of the Florida Keys Upper Keys Center. CFK has provided meaningful contributions to the Florida Keys community. Many individuals from all walks of life have been able to fulfill their goals and foster meaningful relationships that have helped them advance and enrich their academic careers. I know that CFK will continue to do this for decades to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JULIA LETLOW

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Ms. LETLOW. Madam Speaker, I voted incorrectly on roll call vote 231, I intended to vote YEA.

EMERGENCY CHILD & ADULT NUTRITION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2021

HON. ALMA S. ADAMS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Emergency Child & Adult Nutrition Assistance Act of 2021. This legislation will extend COVID-19 relief for both the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the school food authorities through the end of the 2021 school year to help cover their operational costs. This bill will also extend the availability of funds through September 2022. Additionally, each state that carries out a reimbursement program, will be required to submit a report on the use of such funds no later than March 2023.

As we continue to recover from the pandemic, many school districts and school food authorities are still facing major challenges to the fiscal sustainability of their school meal programs due to decreases in meals served and supplemental sales, and many adult and child care centers and after school programs continue to need support to feed children and adults in need during the public health crisis. The increased cost of food and supplies and the loss of revenue have dealt critical blows to funding for these essential programs.

The supplemental funding provided by the Emergency Child & Adult Nutrition Assistance Act will ensure that school meal programs and child and adult care programs have sufficient support to continue feeding the most vulnerable in our communities as we grapple with the continued impacts of this pandemic.